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1. AFTER LATE NIGHT SESSIONS TO RECONCILE RUSSIAN AND GERMAN LANGUAGE VERSIONS WITH THE ENGLISH, AN AGREED TEXT WAS TABLED WHICH WAS NOTED BY ALL DELEGATIONS WITH THE EXPRESSED INTENTION TO REGISTER IT AT A SUBSEQUENT MEETING. THE FINAL OBSTACLE WAS CLEARED WHEN THE FRG DROPPED ITS INSISTENCE ON THE FINAL PHRASE IN PARA 3 AND AGREED TO TERMINATE THAT PARA AT "MODERATE LEVEL." THE SOVIET DEL, AND OTHERS, EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT NOW AGREEMENT ON OTHER HUMAN CONTACTS TEXTS CAN FOLLOW RAPIDLY.

2. THE CSCE/II/I/129 TEXT FOLLOWS:

BEGIN TEXT:

... DEAL IN A POSITIVE AND HUMANITARIAN SPIRIT WITH THE APPLICATIONS OF PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE REUNITED WITH MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILY, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION BEING GIVEN TO REQUESTS OF AN URGENT CHARACTER - SUCH AS REQUESTS SUBMITTED BY PERSONS WHO ARE ILL OR OLD.

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THEY WILL DEAL WITH APPLICATIONS IN THIS FIELD AS

EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

THEY WILL LOWER WHERE NECESSARY THE FEES CHARGED IN CONNECTION WITH THESE APPLICATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARE AT A MODERATE LEVEL.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE PURPOSE OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION WHICH ARE NOT GRANTED MAY BE RENEWED AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL AND WILL BE RECONSIDERED AT REASONABLY SHORT INTERVALS BY THE AUTHORITIES OF THE COUNTRIES OF RESIDENCE AND DESTINATION; UNDER SUCH CIRCUMSTANCES FEES WILL BE CHARGED ONLY WHEN APPLICATIONS ARE GRANTED.

PERSONS WHOSE APPLICATIONS FOR FAMILY REUNIFICATION ARE GRANTED MAY BRING WITH THEM OR SHIP THEIR HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL EFFECTS; TO THIS END THE PARTICIPATING STATES WILL USE ALL POSSIBILITIES PROVIDED BY EXISTING REGULATIONS.

UNTIL MEMBERS OF THE SAME FAMILY ARE REUNITED MEETINGS AND CONTACTS BETWEEN THEM MAY TAKE PLACE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE MODALITIES FOR CONTACTS ON THE BASIS OF FAMILY TIES.

THE PARTICIPATING STATES WILL SUPPORT THE EFFORTS OF RED CROSS AND RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEMS OF FAMILY REUNIFICATION.

THEY CONFIRM THAT THE PRESENTATION OF AN APPLICATION CONCERNING FAMILY REUNIFICATION WILL NOT MODIFY THE RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS OF THE APPLICANT OR OF MEMBERS OF HIS FAMILY.

THE RECEIVING PARTICIPATING STATE WILL TAKE APPROPRIATE CARE WITH REGARD TO EMPLOYMENT FOR PERSONS FROM OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES WHO TAKE UP PERMANENT RESIDENCE IN THAT STATE IN CONNECTION WITH FAMILY REUNIFICATION WITH ITS CITIZENS AND SEE THAT THEY ARE AFFORDED OPPORTUNITIES EQUAL TO THOSE ENJOYED BY ITS OWN CITIZENS FOR EDUCATION, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE AND SOCIAL SECURITY.

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